

**COLLABORATIVE WORKING
ARRANGEMENT**

BETWEEN

**THE CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY OF
THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT
BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND**

AND

**THE CIVIL AVIATION SAFETY
AUTHORITY OF AUSTRALIA**

The Civil Aviation Safety Authority of Australia ("CASA") and the Civil Aviation Authority of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland ("UK CAA") (hereinafter referred to as the "Participants" or an individual "Participant");

Recalling the commitment of CASA and the UK CAA to the Network of national aviation authorities (NAA Network) that has been established to cooperate on aviation issues of mutual interest;

Considering the many activities and cooperative efforts taking place between the UK CAA and CASA;

Recognising the Participants' mutual interest in, and the benefits of, strengthening cooperation in enhancing aviation safety;

Acknowledging the global application of new technologies and other capabilities affecting civil aviation safety that are under development;

Desiring to collaborate on understanding the status of such developments as well as the regulatory implications of those developments;

Recognising the value of developing a framework for technical cooperation under bilateral arrangements established between the CASA and the UK CAA;

Desiring to renew and reaffirm their relationship;

Noting that collaboration by the Participants will be limited to the extent of their powers and functions under their respective laws;

HAVE REACHED THE FOLLOWING UNDERSTANDING:

1 Purpose

- 1.1. The purpose of this Working Arrangement is to facilitate cooperation in areas of mutual interest.
- 1.2. The Participants decide that, subject to their areas of mutual interest, their cooperation under this Working Arrangement may be further developed to address other areas, in which case this Working Arrangement will be amended accordingly.

2 Collaboration

- 2.1. The areas of mutual interest in which the Participants desire to collaborate may include:
 - a) validation or acceptance of certificates and approvals issued by either Participant in the domains of airworthiness certification and production of civil aeronautical products and civil aeronautical parts, including those certificates and approvals issued for emerging technologies;
 - b) approval and monitoring of maintenance facilities;
 - c) strategic planning for innovation and emerging technologies;

- d) establishing channels for the exchange of information on any area subject to the Annexes to the *Convention on International Civil Aviation*, done in Chicago on 7 December 1944;
 - e) horizon scanning for threats and opportunities in the aviation safety regulatory landscape; and
 - f) any other matters relating to the functions of the Participants jointly determined by the Participants.
- 2.2. For the purpose of this Arrangement, subject to clause 3 (Confidentiality), the Participants may collaborate on the following:
- a) the development of arrangements for the sharing of information in the Areas of Mutual Interest;
 - b) conducting technical assessments and working cooperatively to develop an understanding of each other's laws, regulations, standards, requirements and systems in the areas of mutual interest, with the view in appropriate circumstances to recognising aspects of each other's regulatory systems;
 - c) subject to the availability of relevant personnel, engaging on a regular basis to share insights about their work on the Areas of Mutual Interest; and
 - d) considering opportunities for secondments or other opportunities for their officers to collaborate in person, where appropriate for both Participants.

3 Confidentiality

- 3.1. Subject to their respective legislation, the Participants will not disclose to a third party any information received from each other under this Arrangement which constitutes confidential information and will take all reasonable precautions necessary to protect such information from unauthorised disclosure. Information may be disclosed with the consent of the Participant that shared the information.

4 Implementation

- 4.1. The implementation of this Working Arrangement and the coordination between the Participants will be detailed in Annexes to this Arrangement and Technical Arrangements ("subsidiary arrangements"), as appropriate.
- 4.2. A subsidiary arrangement is taken to form part of this Arrangement if it is described as an Annex to this Arrangement and is signed by duly authorised representatives of the Participants.

5 Variation

- 5.1. The Participants may amend this Arrangement in writing.

6 Commencement and Termination

- 6.1. This Arrangement will come into effect on the date on which the second of the Participants execute it (the "Commencement Date").
- 6.2. This Arrangement may be terminated at any time by either Participant giving ninety (90) days' notice in writing to the other Participant.
- 6.3. A subsidiary arrangement comes into effect from the last date of signing of an Annex unless expressly stated otherwise in the Annex and will operate until terminated in accordance with the termination provision contained in that Annex.
- 6.4. All Annexes cease with effect from the date this Arrangement is terminated.
- 6.5. Unless otherwise jointly determined between the Participants in relation to any termination of this Arrangement, the confidentiality arrangements in clause 3 will survive for a period of 2 years from the date the Arrangement ceases to be in effect.

7 Costs and expenses

- 7.1. Save as provided in clause 7.2, neither Participant will impose fees and charges to the other for activities or services provided under this Arrangement (including work towards its implementation, amendment or expansion).
- 7.2. The Participants may decide to share costs or expenses in relation to specified activities or services.

8 Consultations

- 8.1. Either Participant may request consultations, of an ad hoc or regular nature, with the other Participant on any matter related to this Arrangement, including for the purpose of the continued maintenance of confidence between the Participants.

9 Differences in Interpretation and Application

- 9.1. The Participants will resolve any differences regarding the interpretation or application of this Arrangement by consultation and negotiation and no dispute arising under this Arrangement will be referred to any court, international tribunal or any third party for settlement.

10 General

- 10.1. Nothing in this Arrangement will be deemed to constitute a partnership between the Participants or constitute either Participant acting as agent for the other for any purpose and nothing herein will be constructed as granting either Participant the right to make commitments of any kind for or on behalf of the other Participant.
- 10.2. Nothing in this Arrangement is intended to create a binding legal agreement, or to supersede, prejudice or otherwise derogate from the respective laws and regulations, administrative practices or procedures, or administrative or adjudicative decision-making of either Participant.
- 10.3. This Arrangement will not affect the rights and commitments of the Participants

under any other international instrument.

10.4. This Arrangement may be executed in counterparts. All executed counterparts constitute one document.

11 Points of Contact

11.1. The Participants designate the following as their respective points of contact:

For CASA	For UK CAA
For notifications, variations, duration or consideration of increasing the scope to other areas of mutual interest:	
Manager, International Relations Legal, International and Regulatory Affairs international@casa.gov.au	Bilateral Aviation Safety Arrangement Team CAA Strategy and Policy bilateralsafetyarrangements@caa.co.uk

Signed by:

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